

MINUTES - CITY OF BEAUMONT

W.L. Pate, Jr., At-Large
Dr. Alan B. Coleman, Ward I
Audwin Samuel, Ward III
Tyrone E. Cooper, City Attorney

BECKY AMES, MAYOR
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 18, 2014
Kyle Hayes, City Manager

Gethrel Wright, Mayor Pro Tem
Michael D. Getz, Ward II
Jamie Smith, Ward IV
Tina Broussard, City Clerk

The City Council of the City of Beaumont, Texas, met in a regular session on **March 18, 2014**, at the City Hall Council Chambers, 801 Main Street, Beaumont, Texas, at 1:30 p.m. to consider the following:

OPENING

- * Invocation Pledge of Allegiance Roll Call
- * Presentations and Recognition
- * Public Comment: Persons may speak on scheduled agenda items No.1/Consent Agenda
- * Consent Agenda

Mayor Ames called the council meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Pastor Big Jim Salles of West End Baptist Church gave the invocation. Councilmember Pate led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was made by Tina Broussard, City Clerk.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Ames, Mayor Pro Tem Wright, Councilmembers Coleman, Getz, Pate and Smith. Absent: Councilmember Samuel. Also present were Kyle Hayes, City Manager; Tyrone Cooper, City Attorney; Tina Broussard, City Clerk.

Proclamations, Presentations, Recognitions

"Flood Safety Awareness Week" - March 16 - 22, 2014 - Proclamation read by Councilmember Smith; accepted by Tim Ocnaschek, Emergency Management Coordinator

"Kick Butts Day" – March 18, 2014 – Proclamation read by Councilmember Coleman; accepted by Norma Sampson, Julie Rogers "Gift of Life" Program along with Regina Rogers and Joseph Trahan, student at Hamshire Fannett High School

Public Comment: Persons may speak on scheduled agenda items No.1/Consent Agenda.

David R. Pete

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Spoke in opposition of Item A on the Consent Agenda; approving a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Lamar University related to Public Education Government Programming funds

CONSENT AGENDA

- * Approval of minutes - **March 4, 2014**

* Confirmation of committee appointments - **None**

- A) Approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Lamar University related to Public Education Government Programming funds – **Resolution 14 - 060**
- B) Approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to renew the loan agreement with the National Museum of the United States Air Force – **Resolution 14 - 061**

Councilmember Pate moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Getz seconded the motion.

AYES: MAYOR AMES, MAYOR PRO TEM WRIGHT, COUNCILMEMBERS COLEMAN, GETZ, PATE AND SMITH

NAYS: NONE

MOTION PASSED

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Consider a resolution approving the termination of a solid waste franchise agreement with Mr. Garbage LLC.

Mr. Garbage LLC has failed to report monthly receipts and pay franchise taxes due in accordance with their franchise agreement with the City of Beaumont. The company has failed to make payments for December 2013, January 2014, and February 2014. City Staff has worked with Mr. Garbage for several months attempting to resolve discrepancies in reports that were filed and collect payment for the outstanding months, some of which the company just paid on March 5, 2014. In accordance with Section 11 of the franchise agreement, written notice was sent on December 6, 2013, February 11, 2014, and then again on February 21, 2014, notifying them that they had ten (10) days from the mailing of the notice to settle their past due account with the City. On March 4, 2014, Staff spoke with the owner of the company after many attempts. Owner indicated after making the payment on March 5, 2014, he would be proposing a payment plan for the remaining months. To date, no proposal has been received and above-referenced charges are still outstanding. Administration proposed that the franchise agreement be terminated effective Friday, April 4, 2014.

Councilmember Smith moved to **APPROVE A RESOLUTION THAT THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH MR. GARBAGE, LLC BE AND IS HEREBY TERMINATED**. Councilmember Coleman seconded the motion.

AYES: MAYOR AMES, MAYOR PRO TEM WRIGHT, COUNCILMEMBERS COLEMAN, GETZ, PATE AND SMITH

NAYS: NONE

MOTION PASSED

Resolution 14 – 062

Mayor Ames read the announcement regarding Executive Session being held at the conclusion of the General Business portion of the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

- * Receive comments related to the sale of 625 Orleans Street, commonly known as the Hotel Beaumont, the redevelopment of which was financed with Section 108 Loan Program funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development

Open – 2:02 p.m.

None

Close – 2:02 p.m.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

COUNCILMEMBER SMITH -

CONGRATULATED THE LAMAR UNIVERSITY GIRLS FOR MAKING IT TO THE WNIT, PRAYERS GO OUT TO THE HAWKINS FAMILY IN REGARDS TO THE TRAGEDY THAT HAPPENED OVER THE WEEKEND

COUNCILMEMBER SAMUEL -

ABSENT

COUNCILMEMBER PATE -

CONGRATULATED ROBIN HARMONY AND THE HER TEAM FOR MAKING IT TO THE WNIT, ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT LAMAR UNIVERSITY HAS A FUND RAISER FOR THE FINE ARTS PROGRAM THAT WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, ENCOURAGED EVERYONE TO SUPPORT LAMAR EVERY CHANCE THEY GET

MAYOR PRO TEM WRIGHT -

ASKED FOR A WORKSHOP ON THE PERSONNEL MANUAL AS WELL AS THE CITY ORDINANCES, STATED IT HAS BEEN A WHILE SINCE THIS HAS BEEN UPDATE, WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THE PROMOTIONAL PROCESS AS WELL AS A WORKSHOP TO REVIEW THE CHARTER, SPECIFICALLY THE AREA OF PERSONNEL, ALSO WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE CITY

COUNCILMEMBER GETZ -

ANNOUNCED THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DOWLEN/WEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING ON TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2014, WITH A SOCIAL GATHERING AT 6:00 P.M. AND MEETING TO FOLLOW AT 7:00 P.M., ON MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2014, THE WILLOW CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING TOOK PLACE, COUNCILMEMBER SAMUEL CAME OUT AND VISITED WITH THEM, WAS GLAD TO SEE HIM, ALSO THANKED THE CITY FOR GIVING HIM AND

SEVERAL OTHER COUNCILMEMBERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND THE SEMINAR IN WASHINGTON, DC, ASKED HOW THE COUNCIL COULD GO ABOUT SHARING THE INFORMATION THAT THEY HAVE LEARNED FROM THE SEMINARS SINCE THEY ALL ATTEND DIFFERENT SESSIONS AT THE SEMINAR

COUNCILMEMBER COLEMAN - NONE

CITY ATTORNEY COOPER - NONE

CITY MANAGER HAYES - NONE

MAYOR AMES - NONE

Public Comments (Persons are limited to three minutes)

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Addressed the issue of Council going into Executive Session to propose a water park and convention hotel, stated that Council opposed the idea of the School District building a hotel on last year and now Council wants to enter into an agreement to build this water park and convention hotel, inquired as to how much money would be spent on this project, also commented on the \$63 million dollars that was spent on Calder St. improvement as well as the \$134,000 that they are giving to Lamar University, stated that this is a disservice to the citizens of Beaumont, also commented on the purchase of the YMCA on Sarah St., the person that purchased the building stated that she would maintain the integrity of the building, that has not happened some of the occupants were kicked out on day one

Open session of meeting recessed at 2:18 p.m.


EXECUTIVE SESSION

- * As authorized by Section 551.087 of the Government Code, to discuss and deliberate economic development negotiations regarding a business entity proposing a Ford Park Convention Hotel and Water Park

There being no action taken in Executive Session, Council adjourned.

Audio available upon request in the City Clerk's Office.


Becky Ames, Mayor


Tina Broussard, City Clerk

